

## AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF THE LAW)

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1 Indication of the International Application

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4 Item to be amended

“Claims”

5 Subject Matter of Amendment

- (1) Claim 1, Line 1: “crosslinkable elastomer” is amended to -- crosslinkable elastomer (excluding a fluoro silicone rubber)--.
- (2) Claim 2, Line 1: “crosslinkable elastomer” is amended to -- crosslinkable elastomer (excluding a fluoro silicone rubber)--.

6 List of Attached Document

Amended pages of Claims (Pages 27 and 27/1)	1 copy
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## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

HIROYUKI TANAKA et al.

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For: CROSSLINKABLE ELASTOMER COMPOSITION AND MOLDED ARTICLE  
PRODUCED FROM SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, and after entry of the Article 34 Amendment, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 27, please delete the paragraph bridging pages 27 and 28, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

A crosslinkable elastomer composition was prepared in the same manner as in Example 5 except that ultra fine powders of spherical quartz silica (1-FX available from Kabushiki Kaisha Tatsumori, specific surface area:  $29.7 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ , average particle size:  $0.38 \mu\text{m}$ ) which had not been surface-treated with a silane coupling agent were used instead of the ultra fine powders of spherical synthetic quartz silica of Example 5 surface-treated with a silane coupling agent. Further the composition was molded into O-ring in the same manner as in Example 1. With